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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

DAVID B. SMITH ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/731,085

Filed: December 10, 2003

For: MUSIC PERFORMANCE SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2837

Examiner: WARREN, David S.

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 26, 2004, submitted herewith is a corrected Preliminary Amendment that includes markups in the amended specification paragraph.

Entry of this newly-submitted Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any question regarding this submission, a representative of the U.S.

Patent and Trademark office is encouraged to call the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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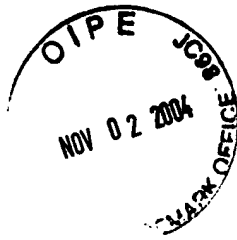
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None

**Remarks:** begin on page 14 of this paper.